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**H.E. David GEER**

Head of the EU Delegation in Skopje



Since the 21. September 2020, David Geer is EU Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia.

**H.E. Mr Talat XHAFERI<sup>[1]</sup>**

President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, (*the Sobranie*),



Xhaferi was born 15. April 1962, in Forino, North Macedonia

**Education**

2013 Master's degree in Defence,

1996-1998 Postgraduate studies – Specialization in  
Command and Staff Duties - Military Academy "General  
Mihailo Apostolski" - Skopje

1981-1985 Military Academy of Land Army – Infantry,  
Belgrade and Sarajevo

1977-1981 Secondary education: Military High School,  
Belgrade

**Career**

1985-1991 Officer in the Army of the National Army of Yugoslavia

1992-2001 Officer in the Army of the Republic of Macedonia

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://www.sobranie.mk/biography.nspix>



2002-2004 Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (DUI),  
2004-2006 Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Macedonia,  
2008-2011 Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (DUI),  
2011-2013 Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (DUI),  
2013-2014 Minister of Defence of the Republic of Macedonia,  
2014-2016 Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (DUI),  
2016 Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia (DUI)

### **Dr Arbr ADEMI, MP**

Chair of the Committee on European Affairs/Ex officio Member of the National Council of EU Integration(DUI)



Dr. Arbr Ademi was born on September 25, 1985, in Kumanovo, Northern Macedonia. He completed primary school at the school "Marshali Tito", in Opoja, Lipkovo, in the period 1992-2000, in high school at the gymnasium "Goce Delvec", in Kumanovo, in the years 2000-2004. He speaks three languages: Albanian (mother tongue), Macedonian and English. In 2004, he started his studies at the Faculty of Law, at the State

University of Tetova, which he completed with an average grade of 9.74.

Ademi continued his postgraduate studies in Law - Civil Law, in the Faculty of Law at the State University of Tetova, with an average grade of 9.85. In the period 2011-2015, he continued his doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law at the University of Tirana, Albania, where he received the title of Doctor of Legal Sciences, with the doctoral thesis: *"Resolution of commercial disputes before international commercial arbitration"*.

In 2009, he took the position of Vice Dean for Educational Affairs at the Faculty of Business Administration, University of Tetova.

In the period April-October, 2010, Ademi was in the position of advisor to the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, while from July of the same year he was promoted to full-time assistant at the Faculty of Law, at the State University of Tetova. During 2013 he was a member of the group of experts for the preparation of amendments to the legislation on equitable regional development, as well as a member of the working group for the preparation of the new law on general administrative procedure.

In the period 2016-2017, he was Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Northern Macedonia, engaged in European Affairs, and in 2017-2018 was first Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education and Science and then Minister of Education and Science from 2018 until the elections in 2020.

## **Dr Antonijo MILOŠOSKI, MP**

Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy / Ex officio Member of the National Council of EU Integration (VMRO-DPMNE)

Born on 29 January 1976 in Tetovo. Macedonian.



In 1994 he graduated from the high school "M. Milevski", Kicevo, and in 1999 graduated from the Faculty of Law in Skopje. In the period 2001 - 2002, he obtained a Master's Degree in European integration at the Friedrich Wilhelm University in Bonn, Germany. Since November 2002, he has been a PhD student and obtained his Doctoral Degree in Political Science at the Gerhard Merkator University in Duisburg, Germany, where he worked as a research associate until 2006, when he was first elected Member of the Parliament of the Republic

of Macedonia. He was then the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia from 2006 to 2011. He served as the Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission for Belarus in September 2012.

## **Mr Andreas SCHIEDER / MEP (S&D, AT)**

Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation to the EU-North Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee



Andreas Schieder was born 16. April 1969 in Vienna, Austria

He is part of the European Parliament since 2 July 2019.

Andreas Schieder was elected as the Chair of the European Parliament's North Macedonia Delegation on 26 September 2019.<sup>[2]</sup>

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<sup>[2]</sup> <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/delegations/en/d-mk/about/introduction>



**Tuesday, 6 October**

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**H.E. Bujar OSMANI**

Minister of Foreign Affairs



Date of birth: 11 September 1979

He graduated at the medical Faculty in Skopje in 2004 and worked as a doctor of medicine at the University Clinic for Surgical Diseases "St. Naum Ohridski". After different stations in his medical career, he became Minister of Health of the Republic of Macedonia in 2008.

From June 2017, he was Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European affairs. In 2020, he switched the Ministry's with his colleague Dimitrov and is now Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**H.E. Stevo PENDAROVSKI**

President of North Macedonia



Date of birth: 3 April 1963

From 2006 - 2008 Pendarovski did his Ph.D. in "EU Foreign and Security Policy and Small States: Framework of the National Discourse". He works as an Assistant Professor and Present Associate Professor the University American College Skopje. Furthermore, amongst other positions, he was President of the State Election Commission Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Republic of Macedonia.

He became President of North Macedonia in May 2019

## **H.E. Nikola DIMITROV**

Deputy Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs



Date of Birth: 30 September 1972

He has a Master of Law Degree from the University of Cambridge. In 1996, he became a professional diplomat. He was already Deputy Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2000 until he became an ambassador for the USA and the Netherlands in 2001 until 2006.

In June 2017, he became Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs again. In 2020, he switched the Ministry's with his colleague Osmani and is now Deputy Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## **Dr Hans-Gert Pöttering**

FMA President and Former President of the European Parliament



Hans-Gert Pöttering was born 15. September 1945 in Bersenbrück, Germany

He is a German politician (CDU) and is the current President of the European Parliament Former Members Association. He was the only Member of the European Parliament who has served continuously from the first direct election in 1979 until July 1st 2014 – with 35 years of uninterrupted membership. He held a number of leading positions in the EP and European People's Party throughout his political career. From 2007 until 2009, he

was President of the European Parliament.